



Practical Nursing (PN)

ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Start your nursing career with a Practical Nursing certificate from Alabama Southern

Nursing is a challenging career choice offering endless growth potential and the fulfillment of helping people every day. With national nursing shortages at a crisis level, graduates of Alabama Southern's one-year Practical Nursing (PN) certificate program are in high demand to fill a variety of health care related jobs.

Alabama Southern is your best choice for pursuing a PN certificate. You will have the advantage of learning from qualified instructors in small classes with individual attention and assistance. You'll also have the advantage of working in some of the best-equipped labs in the state. Our nursing graduates traditionally have a high LPN licensure exam (NCLEX) pass rate.



The Skills You Need To Succeed

The one-year PN certificate plan of study includes courses in Psychosocial, Adult-Child Nursing, Maternity, Pharmacology, Role Transition, Fundamentals of Nursing and Health Assessment.

Healthcare is changing rapidly. Alabama Southern's customized curricula, designed in cooperation with the health care industry, helps workers stay current and advance their job skills. An upward mobility program also allows LPN's to complete the nursing course requirements for the Registered Nursing (RN) program in one year.

Through working partnerships with first-rate hospitals and medical centers throughout Southwest Alabama, students gain well-balanced exposure to both rural and urban medicine, but with a special emphasis on rural nursing. Alabama Southern instructors teach critical thinking skills required on the job in the fast-paced world of nursing. Instructors also teach to each student's individual learning style and use computer assisted learning and testing in the classroom. The nursing department's advising program provides consistent communication between student and advisor throughout the course of study.



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Growth Opportunities and Great Pay

Healthcare provides one of the fastest growing job markets in the country. Improvements in medical technology, and a growing and aging population will guarantee the continued demand for health services. Job opportunities are as varied as they are plentiful. Our PN program on the Thomasville Campus prepares graduates to work competently in hospitals, doctors' offices and nursing homes. Students gain hands-on experience through clinical facilities in hospitals in the five counties surrounding the Thomasville Campus.

Job Opportunities for LPN Graduates Include

(Pay scales can vary greatly depending on level of expertise):

Hospitals \$10-\$12/ hour

Doctor's offices \$10-\$12/ hour

Home Health Agencies \$10-\$12/ hour

Long Term Care \$12-\$14/hour

Traveling Nurses \$20+/ hour

Practical Nursing (PN) Admission Requirements

Minimum admission standards for the Practical Nursing Program include:

- Unconditional admission to Alabama Southern.
- Receipt of completed application for the Practical Nursing Program by March 1st for Fall entry and November 1st for Spring entry.
- Receipt of high school transcript or copy of GED certificate and all prior official college transcripts.
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA (based on the last 24 credit hours) for students with previous college work.
- Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable).
- Student must be eligible for English 101, Math 116, and Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 201) as determined by college policy.
- Good standing with Alabama Southern.
- Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
- TEAS® Test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is required for admission.

Admission to the Alabama Southern Practical Nursing Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty

and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. After meeting all requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on TEAS® Test Scores, Quality points from selected college (i.e. ENG 101, MTH 116, BIO 201) or high school curricula (i.e. Algebra II, highest level Biology, Chemistry). Additional points will be awarded for students currently enrolled or for students who have previously completed college credits.

Practical Nursing (PN) Curriculum Plan

*Prerequisite: BIO 103 or Satisfactory Performance on ACS approved placement exam/ Curriculum is subject to change

FALL SEMESTER – YEAR 1	HOURS
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications	3
BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
NUR 102 Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NUR 103 Health Assessment	1
NUR 104 Introduction to Pharmacology	1
TOTAL	15
SPRING SEMESTER – YEAR 1	
ENG 101 English	3
BIO 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
NUR 105 Adult Nursing	8
NUR 106 Maternal and Child Nursing	5
TOTAL	20
SUMMER SEMESTER	
NUR 107 Adult/Child Nursing	8
NUR 108 Psychosocial Nursing	3
NUR 109 Role Transition	3
TOTAL	14

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for the PN certificate program. Pell Grants are available for students who qualify. Students should apply for financial aid four to six weeks prior to planned date of enrollment.

Other Programs Offered in Nursing and Allied Health Division

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) —
Monroeville campus

For complete curriculum information, plans of study and course offerings visit the LPN link at www.ascc.edu

